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SUBJ: B'52'S IN OKINAWA

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1. THE CURRENT LOCAL ANTI-B'52 CAMPAIGN CAME TO A CLIMAX NOV 20 WITH A PROTEST RALLY AND PARADE OUTSIDE KADENA AIR BASE ORGANIZED BY THE SOCIALIST ANTI-H BOMB ASSOCIATION (WHICH DREW 1400-1600 PARTICIPANTS) AND THE PRESENTATION OF A PROTEST RESOLUTION BY THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY AT THE CONGEN. THE LATTER MEETING

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LASTED TWO HOURS AND WAS ATTENDED BY TEN MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY, LED

BY SPEAKER KOICHI TAIRA. PRESS REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION CLAIMED THAT THE CG HAD TAKEN A "HIGH POSTURE" IN STATING THAT THE RECENT B-52 MOVEMENTS TO KADENA WERE INTENDED AS REFUGE FROM TYPHOONS AND HAD NO CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS, AND THAT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND JAPAN PERMITTED USE OF KADENA FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE PROTESTORS SAID THEY OPPOSED THE PRESENCE OF B-52'S IN OKINAWA ON ANY GROUNDS.

2. THE CONGEN ALSO RECEIVED DELEGATIONS FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST-BACKED ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMMUNIST GENSUIKYO ALLEGED TO AKAHATA THAT DPO FURNESS STATED THE B-52 VISITS TO KADENA WERE RELATED TO CHANGES IN THE KOREAN SITUATION, THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT WAS ACTUALLY SAID.

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3. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE B-52'S FROM KADENA NOV 23 MEDIA COVERAGE AND PROTEST ACTIVITY HAS FINALLY DIED DOWN.
AS THE LAST ACT, THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY IS SENDING ITS USUAL DELEGATION TO TOKYO TO PROTEST THE COMING OF B-52'S TO OKINAWA AND TO ASK THAT THE IMPORT OF FOREIGN CANNED PINEAPPLE COMPETITIVE WITH OKINAWAN PINEAPPLE BE PROHIBITED.

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